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FATAL COLLISION EAST AVIATION HIGHWAY AND EAST 22ND STREET

On the afternoon of July 27, 2013, officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision that occurred on East Aviation Highway at the intersection with East 22nd Street. At approximately 3:11 p.m., the officers were notified of the incident and initiated their response. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department were also advised of the incident and responded to the scene of the collision. Upon arrival at the intersection, the officers learned that there had been two vehicles involved in the collision. The driver, an adult male, and passenger, and adult female, from one of the vehicles were both seriously injured as a result of the collision. Tucson Fire Department emergency medical personnel transported both of them to an area hospital for further medical evaluation and treatment. The passenger was deemed to have life threatening injuries. She unfortunately died as a result of her injuries and was pronounced deceased on the evening of July 28, 2013. The female passenger has been identified as 27-year old Catharina Stuijbergen. Next of kin have been notified. The adult male driver of the other vehicle had minor injuries and was not transported to a hospital.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the area to further the collision. They examined and collected roadway evidence. They also conducted interviews with witnesses to the collision and occupants from each vehicle. The detectives learned that a 2006 Ford F250 truck was traveling westbound on East Aviation Highway. A 2013 Chevrolet Cruze sedan was initially traveling eastbound on East Aviation Highway before entering the left turn lane to turn left onto East 22nd Street. The signal light was green for east and westbound traffic on East Aviation Highway. The Chevrolet sedan made a left turn in front of the Ford truck. The truck struck the passenger side of the sedan, causing it to roll over. The sedan came to a stop upside down on its roof. The occupants of both vehicles were wearing their seatbelts. Witnesses reported that the Chevrolet truck appeared to have been traveling at the posted speed limit when the collision occurred. There was no indication that drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

The driver, Petrus Molenaar (28-years old), of the Chevrolet sedan was arrested for 1 count of Causing Serious Injury or Death by a Moving Violation, Failure to Yield Making a Left Turn at an Intersection – Class 3 Misdemeanor. He was cited and released.

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Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 19

3 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
3 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 24

9 Pedestrian
1 Bicycle
3 Motorcycle

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